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(c) The availability of services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth in the area in which the runaway and homeless youth project is located;

(d) Whether there is a minimum residential capacity of four and a maximum residential capacity not to exceed 20 youth with a ratio of staff to youth sufficient to assure adequate supervision and treatment;

(e) Plans for meeting the best interests of the youth involving, when possible, both the youth and the family. These must include contacts with the families. This contact should be made within 24 hours, but must be made no more than 72 hours following the time of the youth's admission into the runaway and homeless youth project. The plans must also include assuring the youth's safe return home or to local government officials or law enforcement officials and indicate efforts to provide appropriate alternative living arrangements.

(f) Plans for the delivery of aftercare or counseling services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families;

(g) Whether the estimated cost to the Department for the runaway and homeless youth project is reasonable considering the anticipated results;

(h) Whether the proposed personnel are well qualified and the applicant agency has adequate facilities and resources;

(i) Whether the proposed project design, if well executed, is capable of attaining program objectives;

(j) The consistency of the grant application with the provisions of the Act and these regulations.

§ 1351.19 What additional information should an applicant or grantee have about a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

(a) Several other HHS rules and regulations apply to applicants for or recipients of Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grants. These include:

(1) The provisions of 45 CFR part 74 pertaining to the Administration of Grants;

(2) The provisions of 45 CFR part 16, Departmental Grants Appeal Process, and the provisions of Informal Grant

45 CFR Ch. XIII (10–1–00 Edition)

Appeal Procedures (Indirect Costs) in volume 45 CFR part 75;

(3) The provisions of 45 CFR part 80 and 45 CFR part 81 pertaining to non-discrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance, and hearing procedures;

(4) The provisions of 45 CFR part 84 pertaining to discrimination on the basis of handicap;

(5) The provisions of 45 CFR part 46 pertaining to protection of human subjects.

(b) Several program policies regarding confidentiality of information, treatment, conflict of interest and State protection apply to recipients of Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grants. These include:

(1) *Confidential information.* All information including lists of names, addresses, photographs, and records of evaluation of individuals served by a runaway and homeless youth project shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed or transferred to any individual or to any public or private agency without written consent of the youth and family. Youth served by a runaway and homeless youth project shall have the right to review their records; to correct a record or file a statement of disagreement; and to be apprised of the individuals who have reviewed their records. Procedures shall be established for the training of project staff in the protection of these rights and for the secure storage of records.

(2) *Medical, psychiatric or psychological treatment.* No youth shall be subject to medical, psychiatric or psychological treatment without the consent of the youth and family unless otherwise permitted by State law.

(3) *Conflict of interest.* Employees or individuals participating in a program or project under the Act shall not use their positions for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business or other ties.

(4) *State law protection.* HHS policies regarding confidential information and experimentation and treatment shall not apply if HHS finds that State law

is more protective of the rights of runaway or otherwise homeless youth.

(c) Nothing in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act or these regulations gives the Federal Government control over the staffing and personnel decisions regarding individuals hired by a runaway and homeless youth project receiving Federal funds.

Subpart C—Additional Requirements

§ 1351.20 What are the additional requirements under a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

(a) To improve the administration of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program by increasing the capability of the runaway and homeless youth service providers to deliver services, HHS will require grantees to accept technical assistance and short-term training as a condition of funding for each budget period.

(1) Technical assistance may be provided in, but not limited to, such areas as:

- Program Management,
- Fiscal Management,

- Development of coordinated networks of private nonprofit agencies to provide services, and

- Low cost community alternatives for runaway or otherwise homeless youth.

(2) Short-term training may be provided in, but not limited to, such areas as:

- Shelter facility staff development,
- Aftercare services or counseling,
- Fund raising techniques,
- Youth and Family counseling, and
- Crisis intervention techniques.

(b) Grantees will be required to coordinate their activities with the 24-hour National toll-free communication system which links runaway and homeless youth projects and other service providers with runaway or otherwise homeless youth.

(c) Grantees will also be required to submit statistical reports profiling the clients served. The statistical reporting requirements are mandated by the Act which states that “runaway and homeless youth projects shall keep adequate statistical records profiling the children and families which it serves . . .”